(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Criterion for acquisition of helicopter by the Helicopter Corporation of India

439. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Helicopter Corporation of India has acquired or is shortly to acquire helicopters of different sizes to run its various services;

(b) if so, what are the types of helicopters being acquired by the HCI and what is the criterion for their selection, particularly for medium and small size helicopters needed by the HCI;

(c) whether it is a fact that the leading and reputed manufacturers of helicopters have offered their products to HCI; if so, what are their names and the countries of their origin; and

(d) whether Government would consider appointing a committee of experts to evaluate various proposals for purchase of helicopters by the HCI before any further purchases are made if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Helicopter Corporation of India is in the process of acquiring 21 SA 365 N Dauphin 2 helicopters and 21 Westland W-30 Series 100—60 helicopters. These helicopters have been selected on technoeconomic and operational considerations.

(c) and (d) There is at present no proposal to acquire any helicopter in addition to the types of helicopters mentioned in part (b) above.

Appointment of regular Chief Executive of the Helicopter Corporation of India

440. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the affairs of the Helicopter Corporation of India are being managed by an Officer on Special Duty in the absence of a regular Chief Executive;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for allowing the Officer on Special Duty, to continue to discharge responsibilities of the Chief Executive of the Helicopter Corporation of India; and

(c) whether Government would consider appointing a regular Chief Executive of the Helicopter Corporation of India in the immediate future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Helicopter Corporation of India was set up in October, 1985, and it is intended to make the Corporation operational by the end of September, 1986. During the interim period, an Officer on Special Duty was appointed to deal with the preliminary task relating to making the Corporation operational.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Overhead light railway system for Delhi

441. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to have an overhead light railway transport system in Delhi; and

(b) if so, by when a decision may be expected in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There is a suggestion for provision of Light Railway Transit System (L.R.T.)